GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4375
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AMENDMENT IN IPC
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to amend the Indian Penal Code (IPC) to make bribery in the private sector also a criminal offence; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) & (b): India is a signatory to the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC). Article 12 of the UN Convention against Corruption relates to corruption in private sector. In order to bring the domestic laws in conformance with the Article 12 of UNCAC, there is a proposal to amend Indian Penal Code, 1860 to make bribery in private sector a criminal offence. Since Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure fall in the Concurrent List of Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India, taking a view on the proposal is subject to receipt of the comments from all the State Governments and Central Government.